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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OCLR EG VS

SUBJECT: GOE REQUEST FOR HELP IN OVERFLIGHT OF SOUTH VIET-NAM

1. THE ABSENCE OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND THE PRIME MINISTER ATTENDING THE POMPIDOU FUNERAL HAS DELAYED A DECISION HOW TO RESPOND TO THE EGYPTIAN DESIRE TO OVERFLY THE RVN. FOREIGN MINISTER BAC HAD PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT A NEW VARIANT DESIGNED TO OVERCOME HIS RELUCTANCE TO BREAK HIS VERSION OF THE "HALLSTEIN DOCTRINE" SO ASSIDUOUSLY PUSHED BY FORMER FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADVISER DUC. BAC'S PROPOSAL IS THAT AMBASSADOR EILTS SUGGEST TO FAHMY THAT THEY MAY CARE TO REQUEST THE SAUDI, WITH WHOM THE RVN NOW HAS ESTABLISHED RELATIONS, TO ASK THE RVN TO PERMIT THE OVERFLIGHTS. THE RVN AGREEMENT, WHICH BAC VERY MUCH FAVORS, WOULD THEN PLEASE THE AMERICANS, PERMIT THE GVN TO BE FORTHCOMING TO THE FIRST REQUEST TO BE MADE TO THEM BY THE SAUDIS, AND GIVE THE EGYPTIANS, TEMPORARILY, WHAT THEY DESIRE.

2. I GATHER THIS IS STILL BEING OPPOSED BY DUC DUE TO LEAVE MOMENTARILY TO BECOME RVN AMBASSADOR TO BRUSSELS. AFTER HIS DEPARTURE I AM RATHER CERTAIN THAT APPROVAL WILL BE FORTHCOMING SHORTLY.

3. IF AMBASSADOR EILTS SEES NO OBJECTION, PERHAPS THE SUGGESTION COULD BE PASSED ON TO FAHMY NOW. THE TIME FOR THE REQUEST TO

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WEND ITS WAY THROUGH THE SAUDI AND RVN BUREAUCRACY SHOULD ALLOW

AMPLE TIME TO HAVE THE APPROVAL AWAITING THE ARRIVAL OF THE  
REQUEST IN SAIGON.  
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